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MEMORANDUM

1. The following notes were found in front of Congressman Flood's seat in the security sweep following 15 January testimony before the Mahon Subcommittee:

"How hard?" (DCI later covered this.)
"Silo or Coffin" (see below)
"Reaction time on each type ICBM." (Chart attached)

"Why is Castro in Moscow so soon after last trip?"

"Danger whether trigger-happy Cubans on SAM system will affect U-2 flights"



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NOTE: During discussion of 11-8-63 there was some debate for a while over whether USSR was using a coffin-type installation in part of its hardening program. According to Stoertz, this arose from observations which were subsequently attributed to bunkering around missile-ready sites constructed in the vicinity of some launchers to cut reaction time. Bunkering was such that some observation could have misconstrued it as excavation for coffins. We now consider all hardened sites are silo-type.